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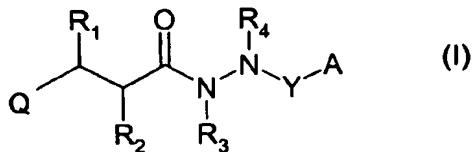
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(57) **Abstract:** Compounds of formula (I) have antibacterial activity; wherein Q represents a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O)- or formula -C(=O)NH(OH); Y represents -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -S(=O)-, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-; R<sub>1</sub> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl substituted by one or more halogen atoms, or, except when Q is a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O)-, a hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyloxy, halogen, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkylamino, or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl)amino group; R<sub>2</sub> represents a substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl-S-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, cycloalkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl)-, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl)-, heterocyclyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl)-, or R<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>N-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl and R<sup>2</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, or R<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>N- represents a cyclic amino group; R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> taken together with the nitrogen atoms to which they are respectively attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring of from 4 to 7 ring atoms, which may be fused to a second carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, either of which rings may optionally be substituted; and A represents a primary, secondary or tertiary amino group or a group -R<sub>5</sub>, -OR<sub>5</sub>, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is a substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl-S-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, cycloalkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl)-, heterocyclic(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl), aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl)-or R<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>N-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl and R<sup>2</sup> represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, or R<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>N- represents a cyclic amino group.